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KNU'CKLE. *n. f.* [knucle, Saxon; *knackle*, Dutch.]
 1. The joints of the fingers protuberant when the fingers close.
 Thus often at the Temple-flairs we've seen
 Two tritons, of a rough athletic mien,
 Sourly dispute some quarrel of the flood,
 With *knuckles* bruised, and face befear'd in blood. *Garth.*
 2. The knee joint of a calf.
 We find also that Scotch skinck, which is a pottage of strong nourishment, is made with the knees and finews of beef, but long boiled: jelly also, which they used for a restorative, is chiefly made of *knuckles* of veal. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.*
 3. The articulation or joint of a plant.
 Divers herbs have joints or *knuckles*, as it were stops in their germination; as gillyflowers, pinks, fennel, and corn. *Bacon's Natural History.*
 To KNU'CKLE. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To submit: I suppose from an odd custom of striking the under side of the table with the *knuckles*, in confession of an argumental defeat.
 KNU'CKLED. *adj.* [from *knuckle*.] Jointed.
 The reed or cane is a watry plant, and groweth not but in

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the water: it hath these properties, that it is hollow, and it is *knuckled* both stalk and root; that, being dry, it is more hard and fragile than other wood; that it putteth forth no boughs, though many stalks out of one root. *Bacon's Nat. History.*
 KNUFF. *n. f.* [perhaps corrupted from *knave*, or the same with *chuff*.] A lout. An old word preserved in a rhyme of prediction.
 The country *knuffs*, Hob, Dick, and Hick,
 With clubs and clouted shoon,
 Shall fill up Duffendale
 With slaughtered bodies soon. *Hayward.*
 KNUR. } *n. f.* [knor, German.] A knot; a hard sub-
 KNURLE. } stance.
 The stony nodules found lodged in the strata, are called by the workmen *knurs* and knots. *Woodward's Met. Ess.*
 Koned for *knur*. *Spenser.*
 To KYD. *v. n.* [corrupted probably from *cuð*, Saxon.] To know.
 But ah, un'uft and worthless Colin Clout,
 That *kyd*st the hidden kinds of many a weed;
 Yet *kyd*st not one to cure thy fore heart root,
 Whole rankling wound as yet doth risily bleed. *Spenser.*



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Cum tabulis animum censoris sumet honesti:
 Audebit quæcunque parum splendoris habebunt,
 Et sine pondere erunt, et honore indigna ferentur.
 Verba movere loco; quamvis invita recedant,
 Et versentur adhuc intra penetralia Vestæ:
 Obscurata diu populo bonus eruet, atque
 Proferet in lucem speciosa vocabula rerum,
 Quæ præcis memorata Catonibus atque Cethegis,
 Nunc situs informis premit et deserta vetustas. *HOR.*

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